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 LR 341

Senator Brown, Senator Chambers, Senator Stuhr, Senator Crosby, Senator Elmer, Senator Lynch. Waiting for Senator Lynch, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers, will you check in, please. We are waiting for Senator Lynch. The question before the body is the adoption of the Witek amendment to LB 1228. Senator Witek requested a roll call vote. Senator Wesely requested it in regular order. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1134-35 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 14 nays on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Witek amendment fails. I raise the call.

CLERK: Madam President, some items, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Items for the record.

CLERK: New resolution by Senator Vrtiska. (Read brief explanation of LR 341.) Senator Maurstad, amendments to (LB) 1073; Senator Lynch, (LB) 1010; Senator Crosby to (LB) 1191; Senator Wickersham and Senator Janssen to 1191. (See pages 1135-37 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Witek, I now have AM3509, Senator. (See page 989 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Witek to open on her amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the Legislature. What this amendment would do is include LB 977, which is one sentence, and it says: School districts shall include the use of explicit systematic phonics instruction with "decodable" text as a part of the reading curriculum in kindergarten through grade two. And it would put this also in the primary tier of 1228, and saying that districts that chose to include the use of systematic phonics in their reading programs in grades K through 2 would then be eligible for the lottery money. I passed out to each senator an article that was in the Time magazine in October 1997, and I think any of you would agree that's a pretty mainstream magazine, very, very widely read magazine, and if you turn to the second page, I